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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NOTCOVICH et al.

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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CARRING OUT MULTIPLE BINDING REACTIONS IN AN ARRAY FORMAT**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

This Amendment is filed responsive to the final Official Action dated November 13, 2008, along with a Petition for a three-month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination, making a response due on or before May 13, 2009. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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